



Introduction to Atheism and the reasons that led to its spread in the modern era

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Translator's introduction

All praise is due to Allah; we praise Him and seek His forgiveness.

We seek refuge in Allah from the evils of our souls and the wickedness of our deeds.

He, whom Allah guides, none can misguide him, and he whom He misguides, none can guide him.

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone, without partner.

His is the dominion and His is the praise.

He gives life and causes death, and He is over all things competent. Now then:

I have translated those lectures given by Sheikh (**Muhammad Saeed Raslan**), which you can listen to in Arabic, in audio and video, through this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGAqmcTLPJw&list=PLYeopyETdCcfB_WoDSIZyXC2Mu6ub1Z

And which were transcribed by our brother(**Abu al-Fadl Mahmoud bin Sayyid Jabir**) . I ask Allah to benefit us and you with the beneficial knowledge in them, for He is capable of all things.

This translation is my own effort. If I do well, it is from Allah and His guidance to me, and if I make a mistake, it is from myself and from Satan.

I ask Allah to make this work of mine purely for Him and to spread the word of truth throughout the entire earth and to teach Muslims who do not speak Arabic their religion that Allah has chosen for them.

The one in need of his Lord's forgiveness: **Omar bin Ahmed Tohamy**.

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Indeed, all praise is due to Allah, we praise Him, seek His help and ask His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evils of our souls and from our bad deeds. He, whom Allah guides, none can misguide him, and he whom He misguides, none can guide him. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone, without partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him and his family. Now then:

The most truthful speech is the Book of Allah, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad, may Allah bless him and his family and grant them peace, and the worst of matters are their innovations, and every newly invented matter [in religion] is an innovation, and every innovation is misguidance, and every misguidance is in the Fire.

Now then:

These are some of the collected discussions about this great matter and the dangerous phenomenon that has spread in the nation and become widespread in it like fire in dry grass, and it is "**the phenomenon of atheism.**"

This is an introduction to atheism that defines it and the reasons that led to its spread and prevalence, as mentioned in the two encyclopedias: the Detailed and the simplified one.

Atheism definition: It is a philosophical doctrine based on a nihilistic idea whose foundation is the denial of the existence of Allah the Creator - Glory be to Him.

Atheists claim that the universe came into existence without a Creator, and that matter is eternal and everlasting, and that it is the Creator and the created at the same time.

There is a second meaning of atheism that is considered one of Plato's additions, which is: proving the existence of a creator or maker; however, it does not concern itself with anything of the life of creation, as it is the creator of creation; however, it has abandoned the control of the universe and devoted itself to its ideal life. The philosopher Apitour used to say this.

There is no doubt that many countries in the Western and Eastern worlds suffer from an overwhelming atheistic tendency, embodied by collapsed communism and embodied by deceptive secularism.

Atheism is a new heresy that did not exist in ancient times except rarely among some nations and individuals.

The European Church was the first responsible for the emergence of atheism. Its foolishness is what led to making science an alternative to religion, and making the clash that occurred between materialistic science and the rigid ideas of the Church, which are not originally a religion, a reason for people to abandon religion. The apparent cause was made an alternative to the real cause, and people stopped at the limits of what their senses prove and perceive, and nature was made a creator alternative to Allah - the Most High - and that was when the Western Church fought science and scientists, and gave people the choice between following superstition to preserve religion - its religion that it invented and shaped according to its whims - it gave people the choice between Following superstition, following science, and leaving religion. The materialist scholars chose to follow science because they knew its value and knew that it was more worthy of being followed than the superstition that the Western Church held on to. When the Church expelled the scholars from religion, Science was for them an alternative to religion, not because it was in fact an alternative to it, nor because it was by its nature a substitute for religion; but because the foolishness of the Western Church had put things in this state.

The apparent cause is not an alternative to the real cause, because the apparent cause only explains: How do things happen the way they happen? But it does not explain: Why were things this way?

When Europe made nature an alternative to Allah Almighty; This was nothing but an escape from the God of the Church, in whose name it enslaves people, imposes taxes and tithes on them in whose name, and subjects and humiliates them to the clergy, while fighting science, restricting the freedom to look into the secrets of Allah in the universe, and standing unjustly with the feudal lords against those who were demanding reform. The matter was never a scientific fact, and this was All of it is the atheism of scientists, philosophers and thinkers.

As for the masses, they still believed in religion despite its distortion, deformation and superstition. The followers of secularism are considered the true founders of atheism and among them are: the followers of communism, existentialism, Darwinism and rationalism.

The Zionist movement exploited all of this, and worked to spread atheism on earth. It spread secularism to corrupt the nations of the earth with atheism and excessive materialism, and to break away from all legislative and moral controls, so that these nations would destroy themselves, and then the atmosphere would be clear for the Jews, so that the Jews could rule the entire world.

The Jews spread Marx's theories in economics and the materialist interpretation of history, Freud's theories in psychology, Darwin's theory in the origin of species, and Durkheim's theories in sociology. All of these theories are the foundations of atheism in the world.

The first book explicitly declaring atheism and calling for it appeared in Europe in the year 1770 of the Crusader history.

As for the organized atheist movements in the Arab world, and as for the public declaration of atheism in the Islamic world and its public proclamation:

It emerged after the middle of the nineteenth century, when the Islamic and Arab world began to connect with the Western world through study or training missions.

This caused a group of students to return, influenced by European materialist thought, which was based on the glorification of natural sciences and the elevation of reason, and was also based on the exclusion of religion and Sharia from ruling life and people and managing their affairs. In the beginning, there was no explicit call for atheism in the Islamic and Arab world. Rather, there were calls for liberation, or for Westernization, or for opening the field to reason, or for judging some of the religious texts by reason, sense, or reality, or for trying to create an imaginary dispute and an artificial conflict between reason and the religion. With the passage of time, and the increase in contact with the West and its heritage, and the wave of Westernization spread among the people; some explicit calls for atheism appeared, and the door of apostasy was opened in the name of individual freedom.

When the Jews became active in Turkey, and called for the establishment of a Turkish nationalism to replace the religious association; in reality, several manifestations appeared calling for the rejection of religion and showing hostility to some of its rituals.

With the passage of time, this movement developed until Mustafa Kemal Ataturk came and abolished the Caliphate, established the secular Turkish state, and fought all scholars and imprisoned them. As a result, disbelief and atheism became widespread, and several books appeared calling for Atheism, and it attacks religions, including:

A book entitled: "Mustafa Kamal" by a writer named: "Qabil Adam".

It includes ugly attacks on religions, especially the Islamic religion, and in that book there is an explicit call for atheism in religion, and an explicit praise for the European mentality.

This audacity in Turkey was met with similar audacity in Egypt, which was unjustly and falsely called: "The Age of Literary and Intellectual Renaissance." While in reality it is a Western movement that aims to integrate Egypt into the Western world, adopt its morals, and follow in

this the example of Turkey, which has cast off the cloak of modesty and religion, and colored its life with a secular character, and with shamelessness and rebellion.

During that era, many thinkers and writers appeared in Egypt calling for Westernization and atheism, and opening the door to apostasy in the name of enlightenment at times, in the name of literary renaissance at other times, and at other times in the name of intellectual freedoms. During that period, Egypt received all the diseases of European society without discrimination, as well as its corrupt morals, and tried hard, through the actions of those who wanted it to be westernized, to become a part of Europe, and France in particular. Some Orientalists spread corruption and depravity in the land of Egypt, then they handed over the reins of corruption to some Egyptians who did not hesitate to spread disbelief and atheism, and they strove diligently to abolish Islamic virtue and morals, and replace them with utilitarianism and materialism, until the advocates of Islam and conservatism became strangers to society, intruders upon it, and they were described as stagnant, backward, reactionary, and hostile to civilization!!

From Egypt, the fever of apostasy and atheism spread to all neighboring countries, starting from the Levant, passing through Iraq and the Gulf - including Saudi Arabia - and ending with Yemen.

As for famous atheists in Europe:

They are the followers of communism, and they are led by:

"Karl Marx", who died in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three "1883", and he was a German Jew.

"Friedrich Engels": He was his companion, he met him in England, and together they issued: "The Manifesto", or "The Communist Manifesto" in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight "1848", and Engels died in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five "1895".

Followers of communism:

At the head of them: Marx and Engels.

Followers of existentialism are also among the most prominent atheists in Europe:

At the forefront of them is: "Jean-Paul Sartre", "Simone de Beauvoir", and "Albert Camus". And so are followers of Darwinism.

And also among the most prominent atheists in Europe from philosophers and writers:

"Friedrich Nietzsche": He is a German philosopher, and he is one of the greatest atheists of the era; even in history. And so is "Bertrand Russell": He is an English philosopher.

"Hegel": A German philosopher whose philosophy was based on the study of history.

And also "Herbert Spencer": An Englishman who wrote about philosophy, psychology and ethics. And "Voltaire": A French writer.

These are the leaders of atheism in Europe, and they are philosophers and writers.

As for famous atheists in the Islamic world:

At the top of them is "Ismail Ahmed Adham": Who died in 1940. He was a proponent of populism, and tried to spread atheism in Egypt. He wrote a letter entitled: "Why is he an atheist?", and "I am" was replaced with "is he"; because he speaks about himself, but it is not appropriate to repeat that as it was said,

As the Prophet, may Allah bless him and his family and grant them peace, said about Satan:
"When the son of Adam prostrates, Satan withdraws to a side, crying, saying: Woe to him."¹

And Satan calls for woe upon himself, but the Prophet, may Allah bless him and his family and grant them peace, came with the third person pronoun; so that he would not narrate what Satan said, as in this text.

So "Ismail Ahmed Adham" wrote a letter entitled: "Why is he an atheist?" and printed it at the "Taeawun Press" in Alexandria, around the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six "1926 AD."

Among the famous atheists in the Islamic world:

"Ismail Mazhar": who died in the year 1381 AH, and he is one of the advocates of populism and Darwinism. In the year 1928 AD, he issued "Al-Usur Magazine" in Egypt. Al-Usur Magazine called for atheism and ugly attacks on Arabs and Arabism, rehashing the history of populism, just as Ismail Adham did; he was one of the advocates of populism.

Likewise, "Ismail Mazhar" issued this magazine - which is "Al-Usur Magazine" - calling for atheism and ugly attacks on Arabs and Arabism, rehashing the history of Populism, accusing the Arab mentality of stagnation and decadence, and praising the glories and activity of the Children of Israel.

¹ Authentic hadith narrated by Muslim in his Sahih

Ismail Mazhar repented to Allah after he passed the stage of youth, and after that he began to write about the advantages of Islam, and he composed a book called: "Islam, not Communism."

A group was established in Egypt in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight "1928" to spread atheism under the slogan of literature, and it took Dar Al-Usur as its headquarters, and its name was: "The League of New Literature," and its secretary was "Kamel Kilani," and Kamel Kilani repented to Allah after that.

Among the atheist poets who published in the magazine Al-Usur, which called for atheism in Egypt, were:

"The poet Abdul Latif Thabet": who used to question religions in his poetry, and "The poet Jamil Sidqi bin Muhammad bin Faydi Al-Zahawi - Jamil Sidqi Al-Zahawi -": He is an Iraqi poet who is considered the dean of the skeptical poets of his time.

Likewise, "Sadiq Jalal al-Azm": He is one of the masters of materialistic communist thought who began to openly declare atheism and call for it, and wrote a book in which he affirmed atheism, which he called: "Critique of Religious Thought." He claimed that he had established in it proofs that prove the non-existence of Allah, and that all of that - meaning: what the believers are upon in proving the existence of Allah Almighty, the message, revelation, resurrection, and the Day of Judgment - that all of that is from illusions and myths, and many have responded to this man.

Likewise, among the famous atheists in the Islamic world:

"Abdullah bin Ali Al-Qassimi": He is one of the most famous contemporary atheists. He has books about Islam, and scholars used to like and praise them. Then he announced his apostasy and atheism, and he made his new call to atheism public. He wrote a large group of books calling for liberation from the authority of religion, virtue and morality, including: "These Shackles", "O Mind, Who Saw You", and "Man Disobeys, That's Why He Creates Civilizations". He is one of the advocates of Arab Zionism, and he has ugly articles and expressions against Allah Almighty and His Messengers. Among those who responded to him - as is known - is "the scholar Al-Saadi - may Allah Almighty have mercy on him -", for his book on cutting off and invalidating the principles of the atheists was directed at this man and his call, and Allah, Lord of the Worlds, invalidated his call and silenced his memory, as is known about everyone who deviates from the religion of Allah Almighty; for Allah Almighty silences him and places his traces after that in the dustbin of history. Because nothing remains except the truth, and nothing remains except goodness, and Allah, the Almighty, does not correct the work of the corrupt.

Likewise, among the famous atheists in the Islamic world:

"Fahd bin Saleh bin Muhammad Al-Askar": He is a dissolute Kuwaiti poet and a preacher of rebellion against morality and virtue, and one of the great skeptics and mockers of religions in his poetry. He died in the year one thousand three hundred and seventy "1370" of the Hijri calendar.

Also among them:

"Ahmed Lotfi Al-Sayed", "Taha Hussein", "Zaki Najib Mahmoud", and "Ali Ahmed Saeed" - known as "Adonis" who is said to be a poet!!

These are some of the famous atheists in the Islamic world.

As for the ideas of atheism:

1- They are the denial of the existence of Allah - Glory be to Him - the Creator, the Maker, the Fashioner. Allah is far above what they say.

Also among the ideas of atheism:

2- That the universe, man, animal, and plant came into existence by chance, and will end as they began, and there is no life after death.

All of this is a continuation of the principle that they denied, the principle of principles and the greatest certainty, which is the existence of Allah - Blessed and Exalted - because if a person denies the existence of Allah - Blessed and Exalted - then he is saying: that the creation that must have a Creator; It was created by chance, or nature created it, or it created itself!!

So he must answer questions; these questions come based on the principle that he denied, which is the existence of the Lord - Blessed and Exalted be He -; and therefore you find among their ideas:

- 3- That matter is eternal and everlasting, and that matter is the creator and the created at the same time.
- 4- They have a final view of the universe, as well as of moral concepts, which hinders the progress of science.
- 5- They also deny the miracles of the prophets; because those miracles are not accepted by science as they claim, but they deny them from the beginning; because they deny the one who sent them, and they deny the existence of Allah who sent the messengers, and informed the prophets, and revealed the books, and from whom came the infallible revelation.

It is strange that the materialistic atheists accept the miracles of the single mutation that Darwinism speaks of, and there is no support for it except delusion and imagination; Because Darwinism does not have an explanation for evolution, and Darwin - as will come, God willing - the Most High - the quote from his book in its second edition - did not say in his theory: Evolution is a creator, but rather he wants to explain something, so he made evolution an explanation, not a creator, so the question remains as it is; who created?!!

So, Darwin, even in the origin of his theory, did not say that the evolution that he claimed and came up with in The Origin of Species is what brought about creation, and is the one who created it, but rather he explains something according to his theory that he invented.

These atheists accept the miracles of a single mutation: that man was an ape, and then a mutation came, and transferred him from ape to humanity!

So if they are asked: How did that happen?

They say: This comes by mutation, from the first animal, from the single cell, then after that to what man ascended to until he became an ape, then he ascended after that until he was a human!!

They say: This transition from these species only happens by what is called a single mutation!

They are asked: And this mutation every time happens in this way in order to create something more perfect?!

In order to create something more perfect?!

So why do you accept this?!

This in itself is contrary to the decisions of reason, contrary to the innate axioms, but their concern and intention is to deny the existence of the Great Creator, for this reason they do not recognize moral concepts, nor truth, nor justice, nor lofty goals, nor the spirit, nor beauty in the universe; and for this reason you would find during the period of the Soviet Union's acquisition of the Islamic countries that it swallowed up and did not digest until Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, saved them from their evil; you would find Russian industry as the opposite of Western industry. Russian industry has no beauty in terms of its outward appearance; Because they do not recognize the soul, nor beauty, nor do they recognize moral concepts, and why do they recognize moral concepts while materialists believe that life is the end of every living being, and that after that there is no resurrection or day of judgment?!!

If a person lives in this life, and when he dies he is not resurrected, and is not held accountable for anything; why does he adhere to morals?!

Indeed, why do morals exist at all?!

And then a person lives in life lower than a brute animal, obtaining pleasures, and monopolizing pleasures and desires, and he has no advancement in morals, nor a view of a lofty goal!!

And atheists look according to the principle that they decided on in the origin of existence and creation;

- 6- They view history as a picture of crimes, folly and disappointment, and they say: The story of history means nothing.
- 7- As for religious knowledge in the opinion of atheists, it differs radically and completely from knowledge in its rational or scientific sense; because they are not subject to reason, nor are they subject to science, and obviously they are not subject to script and sharia.
- 8- A human being, according to materialistic atheists, is a substance, and the laws of nature discovered by science apply to him, just as they apply to other material things.
- 9- A human being, according to them, has no advantage; he is like a brute animal; rather, he is like stones, like inanimate objects; the laws of nature discovered by science apply to this human being, just as they apply to other material things.
- 10- According to these atheists, needs are what determine ideas, and ideas are not what determine needs.

Marx's theories in economics and the materialist interpretation of history, Freud's theory, which is a "purely sexual theory" in psychology, Darwin's theory on the origin of species, and Durkheim's theory in sociology are among the most important foundations of atheism in the world. All of these theories have been proven by scientists to be intuition, imagination, and personal delusions, and have no connection to science.

What are the common denominators among Arab atheists?

The common denominators among Arab atheists are:

- 1- Their denial of the unseen in general and in detail, and their limitation of faith to the tangible and perceptible only, without what is hidden from the eye, or what can be perceived by the senses.
- 2- Among the common denominators among them: Their mockery of all religious rituals, and their description of those who adhere to religious rituals as reactionary and backward, and their fight against any call to religiosity, or to color life with the appearances of religion.
- 3- Among the common denominators among them: Their tendency towards despising Arabs, which is the Populism that was mentioned earlier, and which was the first advocates of atheism in the Arab and Islamic world, as they tend towards despising Arabs, and despising their customs and behavior, and they praise Populism and Esotericism; Rather, some of them advocate Zionism, as was "Al-Qassimi", who was a Zionist advocate.

- 4- And likewise, they advocate Westernization; because if they despise the Arab race and despise Arabism, they mean by that to despise religion, and if they despise the Arabic language, what do they value?!!

They call for Westernization, joining the West, adopting all their cultures and life matters, and learning from them and their behaviors, even one of the extremists who calls for this is "Taha Hussein" as in "The Future of Culture in Egypt", which is now being reprinted and widely published, and the man decides in it that in order to catch up with the global bandwagon in progress and technology: we must abandon everything we are and adopt what they are in all areas of life, so that our waste will be like their waste.

- 5- They are waging a fierce war on morals and good customs.
- 6- They claim that nothing is absolutely fixed, all things are relative!! Religion is relative! It changes and develops! And people advance in it! Honor is also relative! What a person used to fight for and for in the past has become something given away, not a hair on one's parting would shake if his honor was attacked, and if his bed was defiled, that is a normal thing for him!!

These people waged a fierce war on customs and good morals, and claimed that there is nothing absolutely fixed, and that life, morals and customs are in constant development, and that steadfastness on something is only the concern of the mob, the backward and the reactionary.

- 7- For them, morals develop and advance, and so do religions develop and advance, and consequently; Ideals and values evolve and advance, so what people used to hold on to in the past should be abandoned! It should be completely abandoned, and people should not pay attention to it!!
- 8- They glorify matter and nature, and glorify all natural sciences, and make that the basis of all civilizations, by fabricating the alleged conflict between religion and applied material science.

It is known that this was only in the West when the Church became rigid in its outdated beliefs, and fought applied material science with its established facts, so when the clash between science and religion occurred due to the obstinacy and ignorance of the Western Church; religion and science were separated. This happened in the West.

Then they wanted to extend the tail of that to the Islamic societies, so they infiltrated when the missions went to those countries in order to transfer not customs, nor morals, nor traditions, but rather in order to transfer the technical progress and material science that they had achieved, so they did not return except by transferring the customs and traditions, as "Al-Tahtawi" and others did, when he was a sheikh accompanying the mission in order to lead them in prayer, and to issue fatwas to them in the foreign lands regarding the religious issues that they encountered.

When he saw the French theaters, and his eyes saw the French women, who were debauched, vulgar, and naked, and the man was from the south in Egypt, and the women there were extremely conservative, so when he made this move, he returned amazed by what he saw, calling for it, so he wrote a book about that which he called "A Summary of the Ibriz in the Conditions or Affairs of Paris," or as he called it. And the "enlighteners/illuminates" now in this era are sending back these books from

their caves and graves, and they want the young Muslims to read them, because they found that the young Muslims have generally accepted the knowledge of religion and adhered to the teachings, so Satan came to them with these satanic ideas, in order to divert people from the truth they have reached.

Materialistic atheists in Islamic and Arab countries; one of the common denominators between them:

- 9- They are preventing from fighting the occupation; they always stand against resisting the occupation.

They call for contentment with the status quo, and that these people came only to enlighten us, and to get us out of ignorance, disease and poverty; so we should thank them!!

As happened with the French campaign in Egypt, and to this day they still celebrate the anniversary of the French occupation of Egypt as the beginning of enlightenment in the present era, and in the contemporary reality of the Egyptian nation, as well as for the entire East!!

This is pure delusion, and the French campaign came to kill the Islamic renaissance in Egypt, as well as in the Arab Islamic world, and this Islamic renaissance was about to bear fruit, and to rise on its stalks and become stable on it, so the French campaign came to kill this.

- 10- Among the common denominators among the Arab atheists is their close cooperation with Zionism and Freemasonry, and their unlimited praise for the Zionists and Jews.

This is a dominant characteristic of all atheists and apostates; because the atheist in truth is a polytheist and one may find this strange; Because contemporary atheists in particular, when they denied the existence of the Great Creator, they went to theories in which they explain creation, and in which they look at the reason for existence; some of them say: Nature!!

So he made it a god to be worshipped!! This is polytheism with Allah - the Most High -.

As for the atheist, he is the one who does not prove a creator in the first place, so he denies the existence of Allah - the Most High - and denies that there is a reason that led to the creation of creation and the creation of existence.

As for these people, they are polytheists in this form and in this manner, and this will be explained in detail, god willing - the Most High -.

- 11- Atheists claim that religion is a cause of strife and spreading hatred on earth, and that it has caused the ignition and fuelling of wars in many parts of the earth, and that it is time to abandon it and leave it!! These lying materialistic atheists say: Religion is a cause of strife and spreading hatred on earth!!

Did the First and Second World Wars happen for religious reasons?!!

Didn't the First World War, and the Second World War, happen for scientific reasons?!

For technical reasons?! They didn't happen for religious reasons!!

These liars say: Religion is what leads to spreading strife and spreading hatred on earth, so it should be abandoned!!

This is the idea of "Freemasonry" that gathers under its banner every deviant on the face of the earth; whatever his religion!!

12- And they say: We do not discuss these matters, then if his bitterness with the Freemasons continues; after a while he becomes an atheist without religion; because he abandons it with time due to the peaceful coexistence between these conflicting and different religions, then after a while he abandons his religion; until he becomes an atheist Freemason.

Atheism first spread in Europe, and it had its reasons that will be explained, God willing.

After that, atheism moved to America and from Europe and America to the rest of the world.

When "communism" ruled what was known as the "Soviet Union" before its collapse and dissolution, it imposed atheism on its people and established schools and associations for it.

They were fighting the Islamic religion in particular; the people of the countries that fell under communist rule were ordered, even forced, to change their names, and if one of them was caught reciting a verse from the Book of Allah² - the Blessed and Exalted - he was executed in the most horrific manner of execution.

The inspection never stopped looking at what Muslims had in their homes; Because these countries were Islamic countries, and when communism came at the hands of Marx and those who followed him, and then spread after that, it occupied the Islamic countries that were neighboring communist Russia, and they were Islamic countries, and their people were Muslims, and they had sincere positions in supporting the religion of the Lord of the Worlds, so they extended their influence over them, and occupied their lands, and brought them into what was called the Soviet Communist Union, and imposed communism on them by force, so they transferred them from Islam to communism!! This is a transfer that human nature does not accept. Is it from Islam, from truth to falsehood?!!

² Quran

So they imposed that on them, so they were in their entirety at the beginning resisting some passive resistance, teaching their children in secret what they knew of the religion of Allah, and perhaps one of them owned a copy of the Great Quran and hid it, so that if he found the authorities not paying attention, he would move to a side in secret in order to recite a verse of the verses of Allah - the Blessed and Exalted.

If a page of the Quran was found with him, he would be executed; rather, his family was executed, until they were forced to change their names; so that they would become like the names of those people, and when this union came with this calamity; schools and associations were established for atheism and communism in those Islamic countries. "Communism" tried to spread atheism in various parts of the world through its parties, and the fall of communism at the present time foretells the imminent fall of atheism, God willing - the Blessed and Exalted - in the entire world; Because atheism has not found, throughout the history of mankind on earth, an authority that would spread it by the sword, impose it by force, by excessive force, despite the weakness and poverty of the people.

This has never happened in human history except in this era when the Soviet Union was established and spread atheism in the countries it occupied with the sword and weapons. However, many Muslims, after it fell and collapsed, returned to the religion of Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and most of them are seeking the path of truth. They are generally excused in some matters, because they emerged from this moral laxity, indeed from moral absence, to the religion of Allah, Lord of the Worlds.

From sheer ignorance of the religion of Allah - the Blessed and Exalted - and making people ignorant of it, to trying to know the religion and monotheism.

The responsibility of Muslims in the world is placed on their shoulders in order to teach them the religion of Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, and to spread monotheism and the Sunnah³ among them.

There is now an association in India called the "Atheist Publishing Association." These associations are newly formed and focus their activities in Islamic areas. They are headed by Joseph Edamaruku, who was a Christian preacher of conversion, a teacher in one of the Sunday schools, and a member of the "Central Committee of the Communist Party." In 1953, he wrote a book called: "Jesus is Only a Human Being." The church got angry and expelled him, so he married a Hindu woman, and began his atheistic activity, and published an atheistic magazine called: "Iskara", meaning: spark of fire, and when it stopped, he worked as a correspondent for

³ The hadith scholars defined the Sunnah as: the sayings, actions, approvals, moral and ethical characteristics of the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and all his reports, whether that was before or after his mission.

the magazine "Keralasabdam", meaning: the weekly voice of Kerala, and he won the "International Atheism Award"!! Atheism has international awards!!

He won the International Atheism Award in 1978, and he is considered the first to win it from Asia.

It is clear from the above: that atheism is a philosophical doctrine based on denying the existence of Allah Almighty, and it believes that the universe has no creator.

It is a philosophical doctrine among atheists, thinkers, philosophers, writers, and others.

As for the common atheists and ignorant people who follow them, their atheism is not philosophical atheism, but rather atheism of the stomach and private parts; for the sake of obtaining pleasures.

The followers of "rationalism" are considered the true founders of atheism, which denies the afterlife, and believes that matter is eternal and everlasting, and that there is no such thing as: "miracles of the prophets"; this is something that science does not accept, according to the claim of atheists, who also do not recognize any moral concepts; Because what establishes moral concepts is religion, it is revelation, so if they deny it, and if they deny the existence of the Great Creator, and deny the message and revelation, and deny resurrection and reward; then there is no doubt that they deny morality, and life becomes purely material; so that man debases himself until he is less than animals.

They do not recognize the values of truth, justice, nor the idea of the soul; therefore, history for atheists - as mentioned - is an image of crimes, follies and disappointment!!

And the story of history for them means nothing, and man is merely a material to which all natural laws are applied.

All of this is something that the young Muslim should beware of when he reads or hears the ideas of this evil doctrine, and now - as mentioned - he finds institutions calling for it, magazines, associations, and prizes to encourage it. It is embellished for the young Muslim; indeed for Muslims everywhere; In order for them to rush to it like moths rush to a fire, and they have reached a certain degree of this, until in this period in Egypt there have appeared some atheists who go out to debate on television screens, and they debate about their atheistic doctrine, and this is one of the greatest calls to atheism among Muslims and in Muslim society. Also, some atheists in Egypt have appeared who demanded that the committee that was preparing the draft of the Egyptian constitution; Who asked the committee to approve the rights of atheists in the new Egyptian constitution, and some of them went to meet with the

head of that committee in order to explain to him what they are up to, and in order to present to him and the committee accordingly the demands of the atheists in Egypt!!

There is no doubt that what appears from this is only the tip of the iceberg, and the iceberg - as is known - only its tip appears, and in relation to the base of the iceberg that is buried or submerged under the surface of the water; this tip is nothing in relation to the rest of the iceberg.

What appears now is only the tip of the iceberg in this contemporary atheism, and what is hidden is greater, and Allah is the source of help and upon Him we rely.

Many Muslims are trying, each in his own way, and each in his own specialty, to repel the atheistic attack, and they write books, publish pamphlets, and explain to Muslims in lectures, sermons, and other things the danger of atheism, and no one pays attention to the danger of atheism in general except a small group in comparison to those who speak about religion. Most of those who speak about religion at this time are people whose minds are empty, and their foolishness has overcome them. They occupy Muslims with strange matters, and they scatter them, and divide their ranks, and they call for causing chaos and corruption in their societies, which is the best environment for atheism; because one of the purposes of atheism is to cause chaos, and if chaos occurs; This is the appropriate environment for atheism; therefore, no call to atheism was heard at this time or at any previous time in Egypt; except when the disturbances that occurred there occurred, and the chaos that occurred in Egypt occurred, then atheism appeared with its head, and appeared on this Muslim society with its dark, ugly face, and the voice of atheism rose calling for the establishment of its rights, not by reality, but by the force of the law!!

They want to impose duties for themselves in this society by the force of the law!!

What prompted them to do this??!

What gave them the opportunity??!

And who gave them the opportunity??!

What happened in Egypt of these disturbances and this chaos, most of which were in the name of the religion of Allah, Lord of the Worlds; so look at what it has become??!

From one extreme to another!!

From the call to implement the Sharia, and adhere to it, and establish the religion of Allah on earth, and establish and restore the Islamic Caliphate, to other than that of these empty claims; to the emergence of atheism in Muslim society!!

As for what is less than atheism, talk about its spread and prevalence without embarrassment; from the dissolution of morals, and the collapse of the moral system in Muslim society, and in Egypt specifically; you will no longer find a young person respecting an elder, nor an elder showing compassion to a young person!!

And you did not find anyone who looks at virtue except those whom Allah has mercy on!!

And girls and women began to rush to things that contain a lot of moral decadence in the name of freedom!!

Didn't their revolution take place for the sake of freedom?!!

This is freedom in one aspect!!

And Allah alone knows what things will lead to, and Allah is the source of help.

In the book "Physics and the Existence of the Creator" there is a study of atheism in the modern era:

In past eras, people believed firmly in the existence of a Creator who manages the universe, and they considered this to be a mental primitive. Atheism in its modern sense, which is the denial of the existence of this Creator, was an anomalous matter that only one person after another would say, and people would avoid it as they would avoid a severe illness, and a sick person whose illness is feared is avoided. One after another, this atheism was adopted, and the matter remained like this until approximately the eighteenth century AD, then atheism began to replace faith among many European thought leaders and after the advent of communism, it became the official religion of its countries.

When atheism gained this status in the West, and when Western civilization was the prevailing civilization in this era, this atheism spread, and its requirements spread even more throughout the world in a spread that had no parallel in the past throughout the history of man on earth.

The results of this were: that atheism, from a scientific and rational perspective, became the natural position that does not need evidence or proof, and the believer became the one required to provide such evidence, i.e. the picture was reversed, and the situation and the rule were reversed!!

In the past, whoever declared atheism was required to provide evidence of his atheism, but he did not have evidence, but when atheism spread and became the official religion of many European countries; the atheist became the one who demanded that the believer provide evidence of the existence of the Great Creator!!

This is a reflection of the situation, a reflection of the truth!!

The atheist who challenges the believer, accusing him of being unscientific and irrational, accusing him of imitation and being carried away by emotions, and showing interest in religion - especially in the public media - has become strange; even reprehensible.

The author of the book "The Culture of Disbelief" said:

As soon as some news spread and was published in "Newsweek" magazine and an article about religion was published in it, as soon as it was published, the magazine received a letter from a reader blaming it for making room for such nonsense.

Then he comments on that by saying, in terms of statistics:

The writer of the letter belongs to the minority - that is, this atheist belongs to the minority - and as for politically and culturally; It belongs to the American mainstream; because those who pray regularly; and even those who believe in God are keen to keep it a secret; and even consider it a secret that they are ashamed to disclose.

That is because, apart from the ritualistic, outward resort to God expected from politicians - this is what the magazine published!! -; the American who takes his religion seriously, and considers it something that is commanded, not just a choice, risks being considered an apostate.

Religion has become the social phenomenon that needs an explanation; it is said: These religious people; why are they religious??!

These backward and reactionary societies must be taken to get them out of their backwardness and regression!!

How??! By getting them out of their religion??!

So religion has become a social phenomenon that needs an explanation!!

As for not being religious, it is the natural thing that does not need study, research, or investigation!!

Atheism has become the declared or implicit rule upon which the philosophy of sciences is based; whether natural, social, or human; so atheism has therefore become part of the concept of science, and from here came the comparison between what is called scientific interpretation and religious interpretation.

Scientific interpretation: is the interpretation that assumes that the universe is self-sufficient, and was not created by a Creator nor does a Creator control its affairs.

As for religious interpretation: it is the one that makes divine will intervene in the events of the universe.

So we have two interpretations: A scientific interpretation: which is the atheistic interpretation that denies the existence of the Great Creator.

And a religious interpretation: which makes the divine will intervene in the events of the universe.

If science was placed because of its atheistic philosophy in opposition to religion, then religion - whatever its type - was placed in the group of priesthood, magic, and all other types of sorcery and myths, or it was considered - when it is respected - that is, religion - as a type of literature and art that expresses feelings and does not establish facts.

This atheism in Europe was accompanied by a tremendous development that was unprecedented in the fields of natural sciences and the technology that was based on them, which entered and facilitated various aspects of life. People in the West linked this to that, and believed that this development would not have happened had religion not been abandoned and replaced by a rational, experimental, atheistic, materialistic philosophy.

Many other nations followed the Westerners in this belief, thinking that they could not reach the level of the Westerners in scientific and technological progress unless they followed their example in abandoning religion and adopting atheistic philosophy, which is what was brought to us by those who were sent to the West in order to convey to us the scientific and material progress that the West had achieved. They returned to us with such beliefs, and they strove to spread them among the Muslims, and they found an echo among the Muslims. Because they were embraced by certain parties, and their ideas were imposed, and Islam was absent from schools and universities.

We now have two trends in knowledge, and before that the trend was one, which was religious knowledge, and it included material knowledge under its cloak, but when the schism occurred between this and that; religious knowledge became limited to specific people.

These people do not advance in life to any level, and their religion and religiosity do not return to them what advances their material life so that they live in sufficiency; let alone what is beyond that of luxury.

As for those who pursued the path of material knowledge, or pursued the path of civil education, doors were opened for them, jobs were prepared for them, and money was lavished on them as was their salaries and rewards, until people began to despise those who pursued the path of seeking religious knowledge, and respect those who pursued the path of seeking

"civil, non-religious knowledge!!" Then things came about in which those who adhered to religion were distorted in their appearance or in their speech, and foreign jargon became the prevailing and dominant.

If religion is respected, then it is considered a type of literature and art that expresses feelings, and does not establish facts!! Myths!!

But; likewise in literature there are myths; so why do we accept the myths of literature and not accept the myths of religion?!!

Let us put this with this in a pair, and let us look at it as a product of literature and art, it expresses feelings, and not a decider of facts, even "John Milton" in "Paradise Lost" began to show the levels of hell, and put people in the levels of hell as he liked, so he imagined that he had descended to hell, and wandered in its levels, and passed by the people he knew, and other than that of his nonsense!! In that, he was following "Dante" in "The Divine Comedy" step by step; but it is a contemporary version.

This atheism in Europe was accompanied by a huge development - as mentioned - so people linked this to that, and said: This material development that we have reached, we have reached it because of the belief that we have become, which is atheism.

The impact of this atheistic thought was not limited to the field of science; rather, it entered people's social and political lives, just as religion was excluded from the scientific field shared by scientists, and became, in its best cases, a matter specific to the scientist, and he does not dare to mention it!!

Let him practice whatever religion he wants; but what is the relationship between his religiosity and the science he practices?!! Let alone defending his belief or calling for it!!

This is in the field of science!!

Religion was also excluded from the political field, even in Islamic countries except for those whom Allah has mercy on, and it almost became, as it has in the West, a personal issue that concerns the individual, and is not related to the constitutions of the countries or their laws, or their internal or external policies, or their education or media.

This is one of the components of culture in societies!!

Religion is one of the components of culture, not the origin from which all components emanate!!

But they say: We cannot do without religion; but rather it is one of the components of culture in society, along with what enters with it from these components!!

This is how atheism began in this era, and in this way it spread in the world.

As for the reasons for its spread in this era that has turned things upside down, after the atheist used to hide away, and if he was asked for evidence for his denial and rejection of the Great Creator, he would not provide evidence; he became the one who is amazed by the existence of someone who believes in the existence of the Great Creator!! Which led to things being turned upside down, and many people in the West making this strange transformation from acknowledging the Lordship of the Creator to denying His existence; rather, to fighting those who believe in His existence with a fierce war with pens, and sometimes with the edge of spears, as happened in the communist countries.

Many Westerners themselves have tried to explain this phenomenon and answer such questions, and they have written many books about this.

The reasons they have mentioned can be summed up in:

1- The severe contradiction between many of the claims of the religion they inherited and the experimental science they discovered - as was previously mentioned - they found and still find many of the claims of their religion contradicting what their experimental sciences have proven, and there are many examples of this.

It is enough to look at the book by Maurice Bucaille: "Science, the Bible and the Qur'an" or "The Qur'an, the Torah and the Gospel in the Light of Modern Science", as it is in the edition translated into Arabic.

2- Likewise, one of the reasons was the contradiction between the method of experimental science based on sensory or rational evidence, and the method of their submissive religion; because their religious leaders did not accept discussion, nor were they committed to providing evidence, but rather this is how they decided!!

So what they decided was the truth that is not doubted!!

So the contradiction occurred between the method of experimental science based on sensory or rational evidence, and this submissive method, between the method of science that requires logical consistency, and the method of their religion that accepts rational contradictions on the basis that the truths of religion are accepted by the heart; even if it sees them as contradicting the explicit mind!!

So they were also deluding the followers of the Western Church; you should accept this, believe it, and not discuss it, because if he discusses it, he is a heretic, and he may be sentenced to death.

3- Also among the reasons: Many religious scholars and other religious intellectuals delve into matters of the unseen, and talk about them based on mere opinion that has no support from their book, nor evidence for it from anything else.

For example: what Newton wrote of detailed talk about the topography of Hell. Newton undertook to explain it to us!! Where did he get this from?!! From his book?! Or from someone else?! Isn't he a scientist?! As long as he is a scientist in a branch of material science, let him talk about whatever he wants!!

Likewise, the fanaticism of some religious natural scientists has made them try to twist scientific facts to agree with religious claims.

Among these: "Bishop James Usher" - a famous scholar of the Bible - concluded from a careful analysis of the texts of the Bible that the Earth was created in the year four thousand and four "4004" BC!! Just like that!!

This result, which the Archbishop reached in the year one thousand and six hundred and fifty "1650" of the Crusader history, was published, and it was soon attached to the margin of the Book of Genesis, to the approved version of the Bible!! As if it was revealed as an infallible revelation!! It remained there until the time of Victoria, and it is still possible to exist sometimes even today.

It was not strange for this claim to come from a clergyman relying on his book; but the strange thing is that a contemporary of this bishop - who was the director of Cambridge University at the time - supported this claim; and even went further than this; as he claimed that the Trinity created man on the twenty-third of October in the year four thousand and four "4004" before Christ, at nine o'clock in the morning!!

As explained by "Ronald Miller"; He said: The Director of Cambridge University is the only one who has the audacity to make the date and time of the creation of man coincides with the beginning of the academic year!!

If people see this, they will disbelieve in religion. They say: This is from religion, and the Book has spoken about it!! According to that people will inevitably doubt this religion, or disbelieve in it.

This was one of the reasons that led to the emergence and spread of this European atheism.

4- Also among the reasons: the disagreement between science and religion, which was not limited to minor religious issues; Rather, it included its fundamental issues. It is now known, even to theologians, that there is no scientific evidence that the book [The Bible] on which all religion is based is the word of Christ.

Rather, what is known is that it was written by other people, some of whom are well-known and some of whom are not well-known - this is established even among theologians! - And that they wrote it long after he was lifted up - they say: after his death, or after his crucifixion!! - And that there is a contradiction in the statements of these writers, to the point that studying such a contradiction is called by them "the highest refutation". This is well-known among them, and is not denied.

Religion did not enter into a clash with knowledge of partial religious issues; rather, in the origin of the origins in it, all of this is the religion of the Western Church!!

5- Likewise, among the reasons: that the contradiction has included the idea of divinity itself, while God is described as the Creator; the son is attributed to Him!!

And while it is said: Jesus is the son of God; it is said: He was crucified!!

And while it is said: God is one; it is said: He is composed of three hypostases, which are: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!! And so on.

So the contradiction occurred; even in the idea of divinity itself.

Some Christian believers saw that such a description of God, if taken at face value as indicated by the language, would make the Creator, the Most High, similar to the creatures. So they fled from this likening to what our Sunni scholars called "denial." They were not satisfied with interpreting these attributes that indicate similarity; rather, they interpreted all the other attributes, making the Creator an abstract thing. He is not described as being above, nor as being distinct from the creatures, nor as having an essence, nor as having an image. Rather, He is an abstract thing that is not described with any of the positive attributes, such as life, hearing, sight, speech, and the like!! A priest recently wrote a book called "The Inner God," in which he claimed that God Almighty has no external existence, and that belief in God is nothing but belief in a set of moral ideals and principles.

This nullifying concept of the Creator has now become the common concept among the educated masses of the two religions: Christianity and Judaism.

For them, this belief in God has become this nullifying concept of the Great Creator; perhaps the matter was close to that; even among many educated Muslims themselves.

The distance is not far between this experimental concept of the Creator and atheism.

Atheism: Denial of the existence of the Creator, and this - i.e. the experimental conception - is a denial of all His attributes. Can any entity exist except through positive attributes?! Whoever denies all positive attributes has denied existence, whether he feels it or not. Therefore, such a

conception of the existence of the Creator is a prelude to atheism. The imams of the scholars of the Sunnah in the past were aware of such a thing, so they used to say: The one who likens the creation to God worships an idol, and the one who denies the existence of God worships nothingness. The anthropomorphist is the one who makes the attributes of the Creator like the attributes of created beings, and so on with one difference, which is: the greatness of these attributes when the Creator is described with them; but they make the similarity - indeed the likeness - occur between the attributes of the Creator and the attributes of created beings.

As for the Mu'attil⁴, he is the one who flees from likening Allah to the creatures, so that he falls into a worse likening, which is likening the Great Creator to non-existent and impossible things, because the non-existent is the one who is described with every negative attribute, such as saying: He is neither inside the world nor outside it, nor in front nor behind, nor above nor below, nor to the right nor to the left. Thus, He is not described with a positive attribute, nor is any of the positive attributes proven for Him. Like greatness, like pride, like sight, like hearing, like life, like elevation.

Sunni scholars have realized the danger of this conception of the Creator, so they have written many books in response to its proponents from the Jahmites and Mu'tazilites in the past. If it were not for that, atheism would have existed in the Islamic world in the past, just as it existed in the Western world, following the decision of the Mu'tazilah, who did not add to the description of the Lord, Blessed and Exalted be He, by denying His attributes, but rather made Him non-existent.

If a person wanted to clarify the reality of the non-existent, or the attribute of the non-existent, or the definition of the non-existent; Nothing has been found more eloquent than what was brought by the people of Al-Mu'attilah who stripped all the attributes from Allah, the Blessed and Exalted; but types of this nullifying concept are now returning, spreading among the educated in the Islamic world because of that ancient history, and then because of contemporary atheism.

We ask Allah to preserve our religion for us and for the Muslims, and to make us steadfast on the truth to which He has guided us.

And may Allah's prayers and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions, all of them.

⁴ Al-Mu'attilah: They are those who deny the meaning of the texts of the Qur'an and Sunnah regarding what is intended by them, including the denial of names and attributes. The Jahmites are the most famous of the Mu'attilah sects, then the Mu'tazilah, then the Ash'aris.